

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Lee

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Virtual Private Network Devices

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Commissioner for Patents

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 26, 2007, entry of the below amendments to the claims in order to place this application in condition for allowance is appreciated: